

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended) The process for preparing an albumin preparation ~~of claim 1~~ wherein an albumin-containing solution is subject to a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane before a step of heat treatment sufficient to inactivate virus in a liquid state.

3. (Currently Amended) The process for preparing an albumin preparation [[of]] according to claim [[1]] 2 wherein said virus-removing membrane used in a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane has a pore size of 10 to 20 nm.

4. (Currently Amended) The process for preparing an albumin preparation [[of]] according to claim [[1]] 2 wherein said process comprises treating the albumin-containing solution with an anion exchanger and/or a prefilter before a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane.

5. (Currently Amended) The process for preparing an albumin preparation of claim 4 comprising using said

prefilter, wherein said prefilter used in said treatment has a pore size of 35 to 200 nm.

6. (Original) A process for pretreating an albumin-containing solution before a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane which comprises treating said albumin-containing solution with an anion exchanger and/or a prefilter before a step of filtration of said albumin-containing solution with a virus-removing membrane.

7. (Original) The process for pretreating an albumin-containing solution of claim 6 wherein said prefilter used in said treatment has a pore size of 35 to 200 nm.

8. (New) The process for preparing an albumin preparation according to claim 3 wherein said process comprises treating the albumin-containing solution with an anion exchanger and/or a prefilter before a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane.

9. (New) The process for preparing an albumin preparation of claim 8 comprising using said prefilter, wherein said prefilter has a pore size of 35 to 200 nm.